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Is Dr. Best Trying to Close Engineering?

Dr. Henry Best unilaterally removed the Director of the School of Engineering from his post yesterday. The President of Laurentian University ordered the Director, Dr. A.S. Tombalakian, to resign in a manner apparently contrary to the procedures established this year in a Senate meeting presided over by Dr. Best.

His actions commenced in a bizarre fashion with the locking of the offices of the School of Engineering without consultation with the faculty of the Department, the Senate of the University, the Board of Governors, or anyone else not associated with the Office of the President. Dr. Tombalakian first discovered his dismissal when he returned from lunch to find the locks of his and the departmental offices changed. He has been refused re-entry to those offices , despite his personal possessions contained therein.

In a LAMBDA interview yesterday evening, Dr. Best claims to have communicated verbally and in writing yesterday **morning** with Dr. Tombalakian and had contacted **each** of the six other faculty members of the School of Engineering. The three faculty members contacted by LAMBDA denied any such communication from Best, and doubted if any of them had, in fact, been notified of the action.

Dr. Best told LAMBDA that it would be "unwise" for him to state his reasons for removing Dr. Tombalakian, as these matters tend to be of a personal nature. Evidently, he considered it unwise to inform Engineering faculty of his reasons as well, or, at least, didn't.

Failure to inform those members of faculty is entirely illegal, according to the section of the Faculty Handbook outlining the removal procedures to be followed for School and Department Directors and Chairmen. (Dr. Tombalakian is also Chairman of the School of Engineering, a position gained through a democratic vote of the School's faculty, and removed at the stroke of Dr. Best's pen.) In fact, Dr. Best is not allowed, under any circumstances, to remove either a Chairman or Director. The abovementioned section, passed by this year's Senate, states:

E. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

The removal of a Chairman/Director from office shall be initiated only upon receipt by the relevant Dean (or, given his inability to act, the Vice-President Academic) of a petition emanating from a minuted meeting of the faculty of the Department/School involved, called by the Dean at a time and place suitable to the petitioners, to which the Chairman/Director is invited to defend his actions. This petition must bear the signatures of two-thirds of the full-time faculty of the Department/school, excluding the Chairman/Director, those members of faculty on leave, and those members of the faculty who are related to the Chairman/Director.

The petition must be accompanied by a written statement of reasons for requesting removal. Upon receiving the petition, the Dean (or, as stated above, the Vice-President Academic) shall, in a judgement subject to appeal, decide whether all procedural requirements have been met. The Dean's first decision must be either to accept the petition or to return it to the Department/School for reconsideration, and he must communicate his reasons in writing to all members of the Department/School in either case.

In the event that a petition is resubmitted after reconsideration, the Dean must decide whether finally to accept it on grounds that all procedural requirements have been met or finally to reject it on grounds that all procedural requirements have not been met.

The Dean in question, Dave Hildrup, took no part in the procedings, but was aware of them. He commented to Best that no action should be taken against Tombalakian "until after the students had left". No petitions from any member of the School of Engineering has been received by Hildrup, or the Vice-President Academic, Father C. Allaire, nor has any minuted meeting been held, either to receive such a petition, or to consider the reasons for the removal, or to hear Tombalakian's defense of his action.

Ironically, members of Senate told LAMBDA that the Removal Regulations cited above were passed "to prevent the arbitrary dismissal of faculty by the President or Vice-President Academic of the University." The amendment was taken this year as a result of situations similar to this one in previous years which questioned the extent of executive powers.

Also of note is the fact that the Dean of Professional Schools is a position to be phased out next year, a Board of Governor's recommendation adopted by Senate.

POLICY OR POGROM?

Faculty and students of the School of Engineering were disturbed by yesterday's events. One professor suggested to his Wednesday evening lecture that "the whole thing is part of a plan."

This apparent paranoia seems justified by a controlled or uncanny sequence of events detrimental to the very existence of the School of Engineering. The School is applying for authorization from the Canadian Accreditation Board. Without this approval, all work done by students in the School of Engineering is worthless outside the Laurentian campus.

Dr. Tombalakian has been the driving force behind an Engineering School in Northern Ontario. He headed the Engineering Department of the old University of Sudbury in 1958. That was adopted as a School by Laurentian University with its inception in 1961, teaching first, then second year courses. From the outset, the School was intended to develop into a full degree-granting body. To reach this ambition, the School had to meet the standards of the Accreditation Board.

A heavy blow was dealt to these aspirations with the 1970 release of the provincially-commissioned Phil Lapp Report, which stated that there was no need for an Engineering School in Northern Ontario.

Then Acting President Dr. Cloutier prepared to dismantle the School, but desisted when Tombalakian indicated his determination to prove the School's value to society at large and Laurentian in particular. Little co-operation was received from Laurentian Administration. No equipment budget has been allocated to Engineering since, despite later events and commitments.

In 1973/1974, Tombalakian requested a $5,000 grant from President Edward Monahan and the University's Budget Committee for a feasibility study taken among private industry.No money was forthcoming.

Undaunted, Dr. Tombalakian explained the situation to Mr. Wage, Chairman of the Canadian Mining Association. Wage convinced the C.M.A. to grant $8,000 for the study.

The study, under the auspices of Professor Thompkins, Chairman of the Queen's University Mining Department, surveyed all elements od Canadian industry. It found that, indeed, there was a desire for Laurentian engineers among the nation's employers.

This study lead to the Senate-approved recommendation for the expansion of Laurentian Engineering. With the principle accepted in 1975, a fund-raising campaign was launched that collected $600,000 from private industry for the School's development.

Mr. Wage placed this amount in trust on the understanding that at least 70 per cent of all revenues generated by the School of Engineering would be allocated to the School's budget. Only then could the money in the Trust Fund be used to defray a deficit created within the School of Engineering.

Wage told President Monahan, Vice-President Allaire, Professor G. Clarke (then Senate Chairman) and Carl Nurmi, Controller, that "private industry would not support salary deficits being defrayed by the Trust Fund. The Fund is solely intended for capital expenditures in the School of Engineering" ((i.e. the creation and expansion of engineering lab facilities).

It is questionable that the School of Engineering received anything close to 70 per cent of its revenues in this year's budget. (50 per cent is apparently closer to the real figure.)

Each student in the School brings with him a total of

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Revolution Starts Without You

About 20 Laurentian students occupied the 11th Floor of the Library Tower on Thursday, March 20th as a solidarity gesture with an 8,000 person "cut-backs protest" march on Queen's Park.

The group, which consisted of "independent, concerned" students from both the SGA and AEF, and two members of faculty, discussed and compiled a "communique" which was released to the local media. (See **A Second Take,** page 3.)

Students moved onto the 11th Floor during lunch hour and were met by two of the persons who work there, Mrs. R. Deschamps, Dr. Best's Secretary, and Gary Clarke, Assistant to the President.

The group informed them that an "occupation" was taking place, and that they were free to leave, if they so desired. However, the students decided to keep control of the 11th Floor by not allowing other employees onto it.

Dr. Best offered to send coffee and sandwiches up to the protesters, according to Gary Clarke, but the offer was not accepted, due to confusion and poor organization on the part of the protesters.

Dr. Best gave support in principle to the protesters, but disagreed with the methods employed in the action.

This feeling was shared by some of the students attending the protest, and became the source of much internal discord, until those that disagreed with the Protest's principles were asked to leave.

The decision to ask persons to leave was unilaterally made by unrepresentative persons, without the consultation of the protesting body.

Drinks will cost more

The SGA has approved Pub price increases by five cents per bottle of beer (to seventy-five cents) and ten cents per one ounce shot of liquor (up to an even dollar), effective the 1st of May, 1978. This will be the first retail price increase in the student drinking establishment since January 1st, 1977.

The increase was needed, according to Paul Menard, Director of Services, to offset a thrity cent increase on the cost of a case of beer and a twenty-five cent increase on 26 ounce bottles of liquor.

Other costs of maintaining the Pub have increased, or will increase very shortly, added Menard. He cited the cost of cleaning as one example, stating that the cost had risen by 2.5 per cent over the past year. In addition, the minimum wage is due to increase from $2.65 per hour to $2.85, and then up to $3.00 per hour by September of 1978.

Anticipating a barrage of "slave wage" charges from some council members, Menard quickly pointed out that Pub workers are also given a free meal and an occasional free alcoholic beverage.

The demise of AIB guidelines this year will bring an anticipated six per cent increase in the maintenance costs of the pub, as janitorial and maintenance workers try to catch up with inflation. Increased material costs were also cited.

Vandalism, paint for washroom walls, and broken windows, chairs and tables are accounting for a growing share of Pub costs. Among measures taken to reduce vandalism is a "beautification" process. Menard suggested that "as things become more attractive", they become less subject to abuse. This is an expensive process, he added.

Menard concluded by saying that another increase in the cost of liquor and beer is probably in the offing within the next six months. During periods of recession, governments tend to tax "luxury" items, as an area they receive the least amount of flack over.

As well, labourers for Brewers Warehousing, the agency that distributes brewery products across Ontario, are presently entering negotiations for a new contract. Estimates indicate that they will receive a salary increase of at least eight per cent, an increase which will ultimately be passed on to the beer-drinking consumer.

Feds Trying To Rewrite History, NSU says

OTTAWA [CUP]--The National Union of Students has charged federal student aid officials with "trying to rewrite history to justify what students clearly oppose."

The charge came March 16 in response to attempts by the officials and representatives of the secretary of state department to clarify what they had called "student agreement" to a proposed increase in the Canada student loan ceiling.

A bill scheduled to be introduced to Parliament March 17 has boasted "prolonged discussion" and "agreement" from Canadian student organizations to the proposals, and

Secretary of State John Roberts had urged "prompt and speedy passage" for the bill through the House of Commons.

But student associations protested the last loan ceiling increase in 1975, spoke against them in a memorandum to a secret meeting of the Canada Student Loans Plenary Group last September, and finally registered their disagreement again March 12 in a joint letter to Roberts after they learned from a leaked document that they supposedly agreed with the measure.

Claude Passy, head of the guaranteed loans administration told Canadian University Press March 16 that the government believed it had the agreement of the student groups on the increase because they had never voiced "specfic disagreement" with it.

'We knew they don't like loans, but we thought they would approve a short-term measure. That's the way we looked at it," he said.

The student associations have never been officially informed of any specific changes, although Passy said he mentioned them in response to the NUS memorandum to the CSLPG last fall. But the response only notes that ceilings were his group's jurisdiction.

He also claims to have informed NUS executive-secretary Dan O'Connor at that time that loan ceilings would increase and, according to Passy, O'Connor replied: "That's fine, you're perfectly entitled to do that."

But O'Connor's notes for the meeting circulated to members of the NUS executive indicates that Passy doubted there would be any loan ceiling changes from the government this year.

The head of the education support branch of the Secretary of State, Robert Lachapelle, who was on the telephone with Passy, cited an interview with the NUS publication **The Student Advocate** as an example of "discussion" with student organizations on the loans ceiling issue.

But the transcript of the interview shows that Roberts did not mention the ceiling increase when questioned about changes in the Canada Student Loan Act.

The loan ceiling increase will mean that students in some provinces will have to borrow more money before receiving non-repayable grants. The student associations--NUS and organizations representing students in B.C., Alberta, Ontario and the Atlantic provinces--said in their March 12 letter the increases would only heighten student indebtedness and make post-secondary education even less acessible to needy youth.

The student organizations are now wondering why the federal officials have become so interested in student support when they are trying to push a bill through the house.

"It's unfortunate that federal officials have made this death-bed conversion to student participation in decisions after a long and bitter history of attempts by students to participate in student aid decisions at the federal and federal-provincial level," O'Connor said.

Lachapelle and a spokesperson for the Secretary of State both denied having received a hand-delivered letter from the NUS March 14 which challenged Roberts to explain the new loan ceiling to students at any one of the many demonstrations this week.

A spokesperson for the government had told Canadain University Press that the government though "students would welcome the loan changes."

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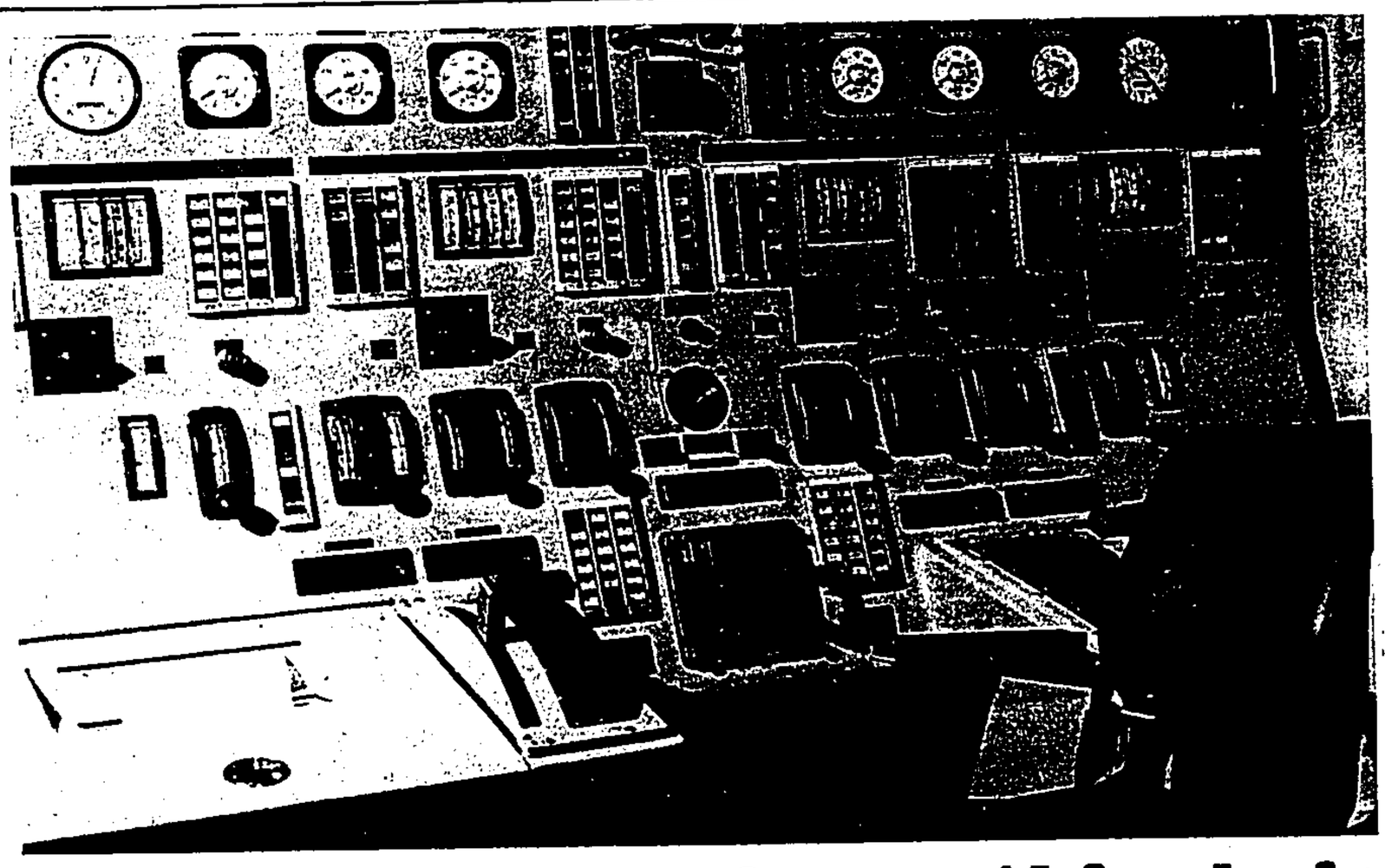

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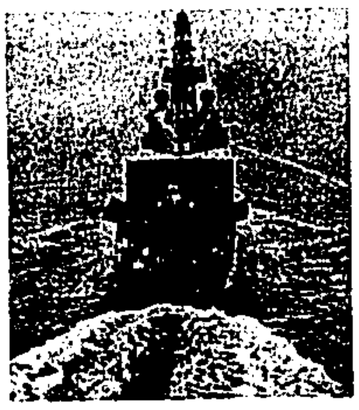

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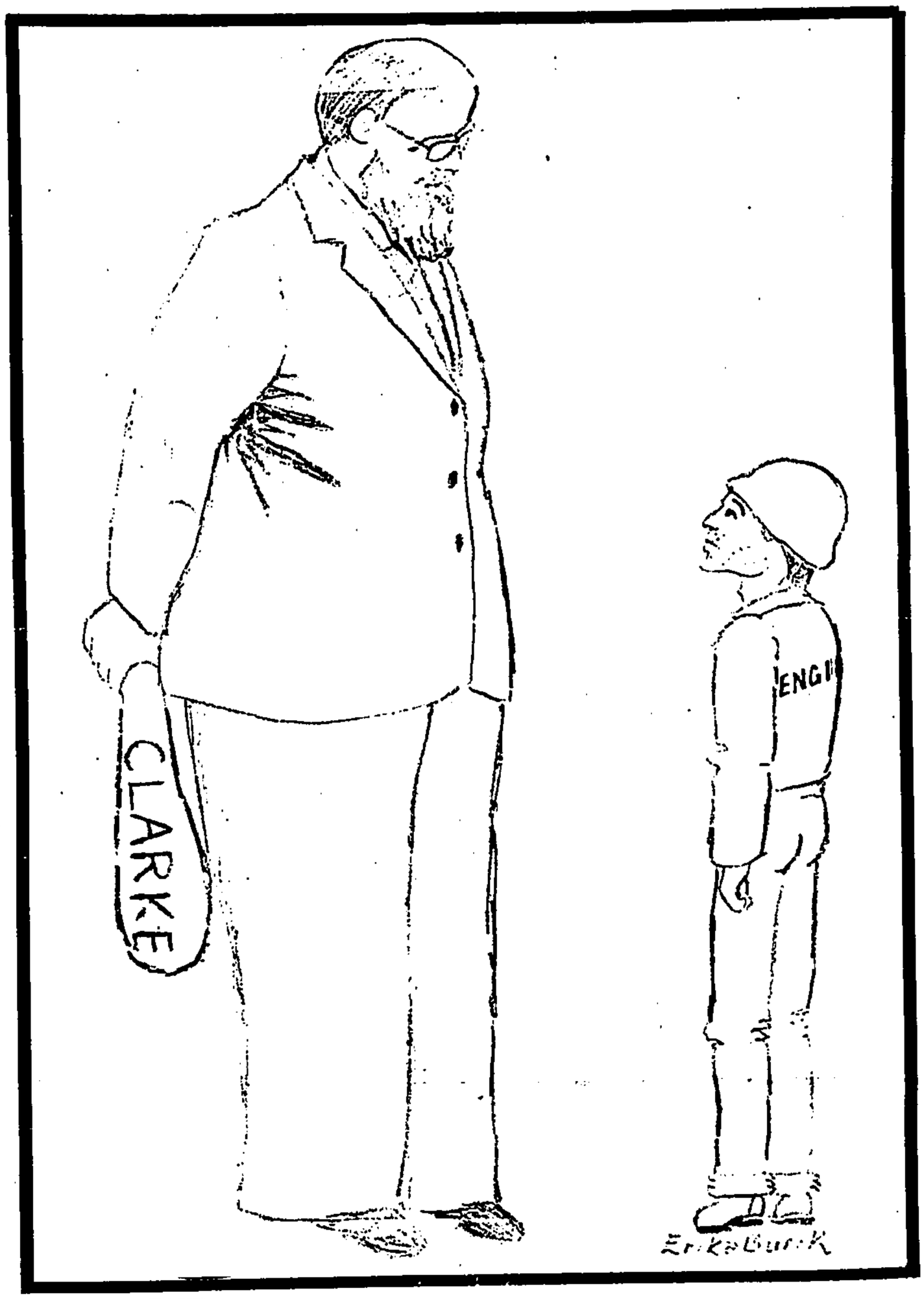

A SECOND TAKE
by BARBARA DINGWALL

If it weren't for the eleven o'clock news, most members of the Laurentian community wouldn't have known what happened last Thursday afternoon on the 11th floor of the Ivory Tower. If you don't know, read on...

Thursday, March 16 was the day chosen by the Ontario Federation of Students to protest the cuts in government funding to Ontario universities and express dissatisfaction with the new Ontario Student Grant Programme replacing OSAP. Students from all over Ontario marched to Queen's Park (and , incidentally, were filmed by the police), demanding to see Premier Davis. Though he had been requested in advance to appear, Daddy Davis wouldn't play ball with his kids.

In Edmonton, the day before, thousands of student demonstrators had more luck with their Ministers.

So what went on at Lauretian? In a more or less spontaneous movement, a group of students occupied the 11th floor to express solidarity with their fellows in Toronto and show that they, too, were concerned with issues affecting students now.

Briefly, the issues are: financial assistance will now be available mostly on a grant basis. However, more parents, even those making only $7,600 a year (down from $10,000) will be expected to contribute substantially to the costs of their children's education.

Secondly, students will be eligible for not more than eight terms of assistance. After that period, whether he/she received aid or not, no grants will be forthcoming. You know what that means if you want to do post-graduate work. This is a government effort, whether intended or not, to keep the poor relatively uneducated.

Moreover, government funding to universities is only being increased next year by 5.8 per cent, whereas inflation and projected expenses dictate an increase of 9 per cent to maintain the status quo. In essense, this is a cutback.

Cutbacks are translated into staff cuts, most often those new, innovative profs with so much enthusiasm and teaching ability, but no tenure.

Reduced departmental budgets, though nothing new at Laurentian, will be a necessity again next year. And, when you look for the most recent books and journals in your field in the library, chances are that they were among the ones Acquisitions couldn't afford to buy.

The above is a grim picture, for students and for profs. Nonetheless, too many students and professors aren't looking further than their noses. Remember when Miriam Edelson, Chairperson of the Ontario Federation of Students, spoke to students in the Great Hall? You probably don't. Nobody listened to what she said about the new financial aid programme. On Thursday, the demonstrators invited supporters to join them on the 11th Floor. Not many came. People ripped down their signs.

Thank you Dr. Best for your support. For the record, he agreed with the demonstrators' concerns, but not the way in which they were expressed.

I understand a lot of people are against "radical" demonstrations. Remember though, that capable students, especially the OFS, and university administrators have been trying all year to be heard. They succeeded in being heard but had little effect. Students have no way of controlling their future. That's why , from time to time, they let their dissent be known.

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$5,400 from his tuition fees and from the Basic Income Units granted, per student, by the provincial government. The B.I.U.'s are calculated on a year to year average, while the tuition fees are calculated on a year to year enrollment basis. The School has averaged 85 full-time students per year over the past three years, (62 in 1975-76, 78 in 1976-77, and 116 in 1977-78).

These figures indicate that engineering students brought in at least $459,000, with no draw upon the Trust Fund, not allowing for the additional money brought in by the individual tuition fees, or allowing for money raised by the students studying Engineering on a part-time basis, or accounting for the anticipated increase in student numbers to 145. (The three year average will then bring in $594,000).

Yet next year's Engineering budget has been granted only $232,000 from these sources, indicating that the rest of this money has been siphoned off to subsidize other departments or schools. (The Science Department has been running an annual deficit of $1.2 million over the past few years, as compared to the evidently lucrative Engineering School.) Engineering is one of the few Schools in Laurentian, or in the province, that can expect increased enrollment in the near future.)

To bring the Engineering budget up to more realistic levels, the Budget Committee dipped into the Trust Fund for $200,000, despite the apparent contradiction with the Fund's stated purpose.

Not even all of the $432,000 is slated for the School, however. 35 per cent of the budget has been immediately returned to the Administration for overhead costs, although Engineering utilizes nothing close to 35 per cent of the space or facilities of the Science II building. Additionally, the School is to pay a sum of $50,000 to the Science Department for its eleven service courses plus double B.I.U.'s for each engineer enrolled in each Science course.

Not even the present academicyear's budget has been secure from Administration tampering. Equipment for two Engineering labs were ordered this year. Two weeks ago, the Engineering faculty member responsible for acquisitions called the supplier to change an order. The salesman informed him that the Office of the President had cancelled all orders for Engineering, and wanted to return equipment already received. Neither the Director of Engineering, nor any of the School's faculty had, or has, been consulted with, or informed about the reasons for this action. The salesman also indicated that Laurentian is still liable for 90 per cent of the equipment's

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LETTER

DEAR EDITOR:

The university has no need to fear an uprising at this time. Judging from the support given to Thursday's action, our administrators will be able to sleep soundly for many nights to come.

Sometimes I wonder whether Lambda's opinion of students "need a boost" etc., may not really carry a grain of truth to it after all. Certainly it is an exaggeration; many students do deeply care about themselves and about the future of this university.

If so, how can the voice of these concerned people be heard in the future? How can they be mobilized to speak out on the issues that concern them? Is action or debate the channel for their energies? Either or both?

Obviously people are either so satisfied that they need do nothing, have totally given up, or, perhaps, have fallen into a political coma. Whatever it is, it will be a long time before effective opposition, or even effective support action will be mounted at Laurentian.

RICK DESMORMEAUX

For those who care:

Here it is, the moment you've all feared, your name in LAMBDA. The following persons are eligable to vote in this years staff elections which takesplace at 5:00 p.m. thursday March 30 in the office at LAMBDA, Room G-1 Student Street.

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daniel rheaume
jan roejskjaer
claude saindon
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sandra talbot
susan toy
james weaver
debbie wilson

Education reached 'Danger Zone' in 76

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development warned the Ontario government in 1976 that its post-secondary system was approaching a danger zone:

"If those responsible for educational policy are not promptly able to base the development of school and education on a firm, goal-oriented footing, then they risk being pushed to the side in the general, political competition for resources."

Students are running up thousands of dollars of debts in government loans due to an inadequate aid programme and a lack of summer jobs (unemployed students numbered over 160,000 last summer); after graduation there is a 20 to 25 per cent unemployment rate. Faculty and staff fear for their jobs. Administrations operate on daily crisis situations.

Here at Laurentian, there has been a storm raging over including the library (already underfunded) in the 1 1/2 per cent across-the-board budget cut, proposed by President Henry Best. The Senate Library Committee recommended closing all three libraries on the weekend and cutting daily night hours, thus severely restricting access by working part-time students. However, a Senate initiative directed Dr. Best to cancel the proposed cut.

Laurentian has been hard hit by both fiscal tightening and a declining enrollment. With the massive reduction of jobs available in Sudbury this year, students will be hard-pressed to find the money to return to school next fall. It is no exaggeration to say that this university (a large employer of Sudburians-maintenance, clerical, security and local graduates) could close down in a few years.

WHO CARES ABOUT UNIVERSITIES?

Working people who must pay out of their own pockets to send 'fat cat' rich kids to such 'fun palaces' of higher learning as Laurentian do have a legitimate beef.

A recent Carleton University survey found that less that 15 per cent of students had parents with incomes below $10,000, while 70 per cent reported parental incomes greater than $16,000.

So workers *are* underrepresented in universities. But workers are usually the ones to foot most of the education bill. A 1972 study for Allan Maslove, a researcher for the Economic Council of Canada (in Leo Johnson's 'Poverty in Wealth', 1972) found that the lower income earners paid a *higher* percentage of their income in taxes than those who were better off.

Due to those two factors, working people may be correct in backing the Troy government in its budget cuts.

These cuts are not fiction. Whereas, in 1967, Ontario spent the highest amount per capita on post-secondary education of any province, by 1977 it spent barely 1 per cent above the national average. (Financial Statistics of Education, pg. 165). In 1967-68, Ontario ranked first in the amount of provincial operating grants provided per full-time university student, by 1975-76 it had slipped to eighth place (Canadian Tax Journal, October 9, 1976).

Workers do feel ripped off by the universities. What the Ontario Federation of Students have suggested is that access should be opened up to working people via low tuition fees, better grants and through increasing the share of funding from those who can really afford it by making the personal and corporate tax system more comprehensive. Why not remove some of the existing tax subsidies. After all, over the last two years, more than half a billion dollars in potential revenue has been 'forgiven' by the provincial government in the form of tax exemptions and quick write-offs (OFS Feb. 1978 brief to Premier Davis).

Take the mining industry for example. Eric Kierans, our Postmaster General in 1971, stated:

"The mining industry claims that it needs these enormous tax concessions to counter the risk of exploration and development.....Yet they spent $1,147 million in 3 years from the end of 1965-68 to increase their portfolios of marketable securities from $335 million to $593 million and their investments in, and advances to, affiliates from $1,252 million to $2,142 million."

Tax concessions to generate employment is a farce. A study for the Select Committee on Economic and Cultural Nationalism of the Provincial Legislature found that *"although output has increased over the period 1951-1971, direct employment in the mining sector* (prime beneficiary of substantial tax concessions) *has remained relatively constant."*

Concessions to capital usually means more automation, therefore less jobs in the future. Since larger firms (primarily U.S.-owned) tend to be favoured, the degree of competitiveness is decreased.

What the people of this province should demand is the review of these tax give-aways and in increase in the accessibility to our presently elitist educational institutions.

As our society becomes more complex, the need for a better-skilled work force is paramount. Post-secondary education is not a luxury to be trimmed off like fat. The Council of Ontario Universities stated in 1976:

"...research and scholarship provide the essential basis for training skilled manpower, mounting important national missions, and the futherance of the cultural, intellectual, and scientific development of the country as a whole."

Post-secondary education is a necessity in the rapidly changing world we live in, but it must be open to all who can benefit from it.

by BILL BRADLEY

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A Serious Threat

costs, whether or not delivery is accepted.

All this poses a serious threat to the accreditation of the School of Engineering. In a letter dated March 16, 1978, I.W. Smith, Chairman of the Canadian Accreditation Board outlined the C.A.B.'s requirements for Laurentian.Copies were sent to Tombalakian, Best, and others. Specifically, *the C.A.B. demands a strongly* independent School in terms of financing, staff selection and course content. Course content, faculty quality, and physical facilities (labs) are subject to stringent guidelines.

The nature of these requirements are nothing new to Laurentian. In the spring of 1977, the Science Department attempted to take over a number of Engineering courses, claiming they duplicated courses already taught by Science faculty. Dr. Kennedy, Dean of the University of Windsor's Faculty of Engineering, was engaged to arbitrate the dispute.

After several meetings with the concerned parties, Kennedy reported that no duplication existed between the units, although there are similarities. He noted that Engineering does utilize scientific principles but stressed their application in the instructional process.

At that time, Kennedy noted that Laurentian's lab facilities were far below CAB standards. Upon request, he listed the minimum laboratory equipment required; basically establishing a Strength of Materials Lab and a Fluid Mechanics Lab. These are the facilities cancelled by the Office of the President.

Since his arrival last October, Dr. Best has been pressing to have three Science Department representatives sit on Engineering's Academic Council, with full voting powers. This would make Engineering the only unit on this campus, or in this province, that would have an internal committee with external representation. (Such representation would probably prevent Engineering from having the level of autonomy required by the CAB.)

The School of Engineering faculty unanimously opposed such a move last November, countering with a recommendation for one Science representative, carrying observer status. This proposal was adopted unanimously by the Council of Professional Schools.

Dr. Tombalakian has since twice requested the appointment of the Science observer, but has received no response from the Dean of Sciences, Dr. Best or Father Allaire.

The, last Thursday, Dr. Best imposed the three, fully-powered Science representatives on the Engineering Academic Council, again without consulting Senate, the School or the Council of Professional Schools. The chronology contained in that memo ceased as of September/October of last year.

While this topic was not permitted to come before the Senate meeting this Tuesday, another topic detrimental to Engineering was. The Curriculum Committee was empowered to "allocate courses to academic units as it sees fit." This, too, seriously threatens the autonomy required by Engineering. At the time, Father Allaire agreed that the Curriculum Committee (with no Engineering representation) would be "out of its depth" attempting top design Engineering courses.

Prior to that Senate meetingf, a petition signed by eighty of the Engineering students (all of those contacted) was delivered to Father Allaire and Dr. Best. The petition, which was not mentioned at the Senate meeting, stated:

We the undersigned are very concerned about the future well being of the School of Engineering at Laurentian Universtiy. We would like to emphasize that the School of Engineering can offer a sound program only if its integrity as an academic unit is preserved. We also have serious concerns because of the present crisis at Laurentian and are interested in the development and well being of the university as a whole. We believe that a strong engineering program is essential to the general well being of the university.

In order to improve the present situation and avoid a major crisis in the engineering program we request the following-

1[That the appointment of faculty members from Science in the engineering Academic council be rescinded immediately.

2[That the request of the curriculum committee for authority to allocate courses to academic units as it sees fit, be denied.

3[That adequate space and funds be made available, for engineering laboratory and library facilities.

We believe that if the above requests are denied, many students would transfer to other universities for the completion of their education which may lead to the collapse of the program.

This lead to the final confrontation between Dr. Best and Dr. Tombalakian yesterday afternoon. There, Dr. Best's letter was read. It commenced by asking for Dr. Tombalakian's resignation, and concluded by removing him from office. No reason for the dismissal was given at that time.

Given the procedures outlined in the Faculty Handbook, Tonbalakian refused to accept the letter. He continued to refuse the letter, despite being followed about the campus by the Assistant to the President, Gary Clark, who continued to press the letter upon him.

In last night's interview, Best told LAMBDA that all the proper procedures had been followed in Tombalakian's removal. Depsite the evident failings created in the School of Engineering, and the Engineering faculty's insistence that Tombalakian is essential for the School's accreditation, Best said he believes that the School "will move ahead with first class distinction. I expect to see Laurentian's first Engineering graduates next spring," he stated.

The Canadian Accreditation Board will probably have something very negative to say about that.

Report Finds, Less "Real" Income

MONTREAL [CUP]--While Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau was telling Liberal Party faithful gathered for a convention in Ottawa in early March that Canadians had grown richer during his term of office, a report was released in Montreal telling a different tale.

An analysis of 1974 statistics gathered from 1,539 Montrealers shows that workers in factory and manual "service" jobs (cleaning, food service, security) averaged the same or less real income in 1974 than in 1955.

The Centre de Services Sociaux du Montreal Metropolitain report also said that welfare recipients and the unemployed are also faced with deteriorating living standards. Those who earned the least, lost the most. Those who earned less that $100 a week in 1974 found themselves with 25.6 per cent fewer real dollars that they had a decade earlier.

"It seems that the poorest workers have a tendency to become impoverished over the years while the wealthiest workers...have a tendency to become wealthier," the report added.

Three-quaters of the people whose real income rose from 1955 to 1974 earned more than $400 a week in 1974.

The report attributes the declining living standards of the low-wage earners to a "vicious cycle" of poor working conditions, which cause health problems which in turn hamper work performance.

As a result, the physical and mental deterioration of the worker continues until he or she ends up on Unemployment Insurance, and then welfare.

The study found that 75 per cent of those on unemployment and welfare had previously worked in jobs which offered the relatively poorest working conditions, in terms of work hours, safety equipment, health protection, job benefits and other factors in the work environment.

All of the welfare and unemployment recipients studied had some kind of health problems, the report notes.

Cloning, what would He have said? — Chaplain's Corner

by KWAME MOHLABANI
ne CLIVE GRIFFITH

In an article written by Michael Burke-Gaffney and which appeared in the Catholic Register (18/3/78), a U.S. science writer claims that a "cloned" child is now a healthy 14 month old boy. In a still-unpublished book titled "In His Image: The Cloning of a Man", the book reportedly says that in 1975, scientists created a human baby in a laboratory from a single male cell taken from a millionaire who paid a fabulous sum to have an exact duplicate of himself. (Cloning is described as a process in which genetic duplicates are produced from a single cell. It is believed that cloning only has worked to date in plants, certain vegetables and in frogs).

Is this really possible-human cloning? Or is it another subtle attempt to divert our attention away from the real issues in life? Is it another man-made conspiracy which, to an increasing number of people parallels the whole question of U.F.S.'s? Shouldn't we be trying, for instance, to solve our unemployment situation in the world, thus ensuring purposeful lives for all of God's people? We have gone to the moon and are presently building mansions in space while Planet Earth is left as rubble.

The Christian doctrine of Creation centres on the sovereignty of God and to the Christian with faith in a divine creator, human cloning can be interpreted as man playing God. Man is not a product of blind fate, or of scientific research, but of the supreme culmination of God's created work brought about by love.

One of the truths that the writers of Genesis sought to share was that everything which God created was good and, therefor, nothing is bad in itself or to be despised. I am getting the impression that man is no longer satisfied with the way God handled his Creation. So we are trying to perfect man and make hin to our own image and specification. We are not made to get ahead of God in Creation, but to be co-helpers with God in making this world more humane. All the forces of the universe, including science, are all given by God to help in the whole process of humanization. If science belittles life, as human cloning so easily can, then life becomes unimportant. Science is made for man, not man for science.

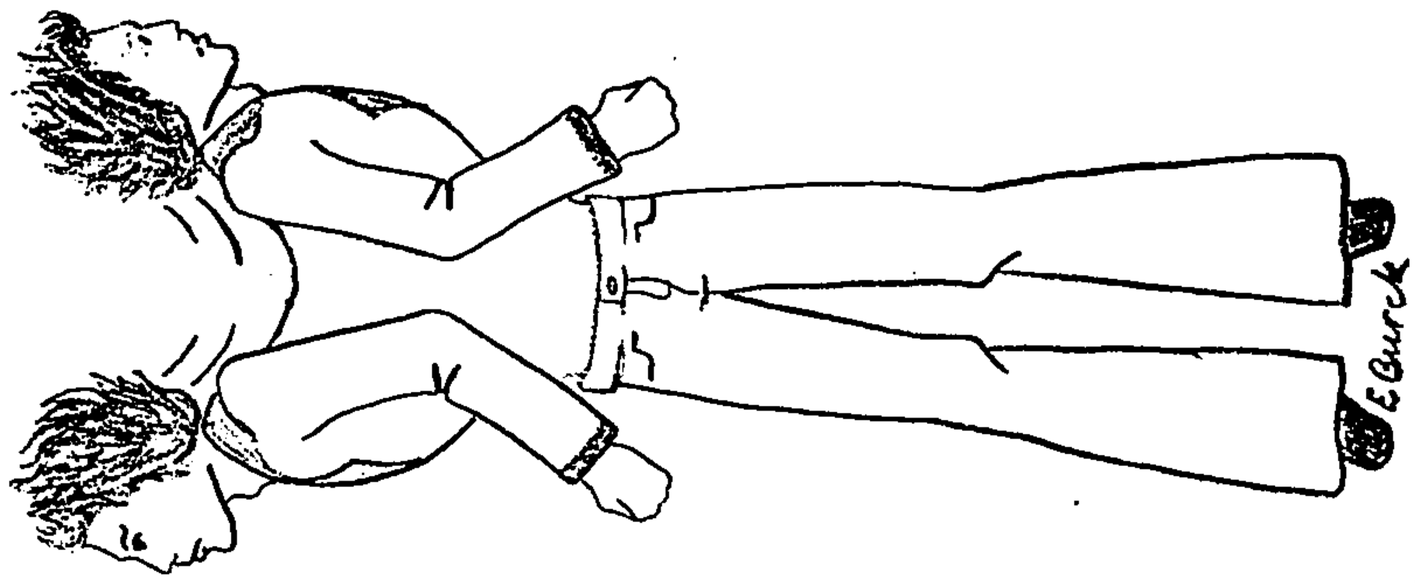
The urge to make a man in man's image, for this is the whole idea of human cloning, — is a belief tha man was not created by God as a living soul and that the forces of the universe are not working with him. The premise is that there are inherent flaws in man that and that man is under pressure to do something about it. It's another quest for man's total independence from God.

Since Science is given by God to be one of many ways to humanize life, science without ethics can be very dangerous. Dr. Ror siad, "If we (scientists) follow through on all the possibilities open to us, it could affect the institutions of our society very profoundly." Dr. Roy went on to say that he would never rule out the possibility of human cloning if there wer a number of scientists working with great amounts of money in a lab with total secrecy. My question is- if the human cloning isn't really a hoax, would this laboratory-created being have a mind and conscience like ours with the capabilities for longings, hopes, aspirations and love.?

In addition to the theological problems, there are the social, psychological, legal and ethical questions surrounding human cloning. Would the doner of the single cell be mother and father at the same time? You could make a whole army of Pierre Trudeaus or Joe Clarks all genetically identical. You could also make hundreds of cloned people identical in strength and skill to Bobby Orr. Could you imagine this power to produce genetically identical beings falling into the hands of, let's say, a terrorist group or even established world militaries. Could you imagine this potential used by the South African army against the oppressed blacks.

Man was made through love, and for love, and the act of procreation without the context of human love can easily be degraded. Science should enhance the dignity of human life rather than debase it. The onus is on God's people to give science the direction it needs before it is used to destroy us and the rest of God's Creation.

Science was made for man, not man for science.



Here are a Few Facts about OSGP says OFS

Facts:

* parental contributions will begin at $6,600 (net), compared to $7,600 for the Canada student Loan Plan (or the old OSAP if it had continued next year)
* parental contribution level will be much higher for parents with students living away from home. The removal of the $1,645 deduction from gross parental income means that such parents will have to contribute more than $500 more.
* the living allowances will be lower for OSGP, compared to the CSLP (i.e. old OSAP if it had continued next year), amounting to a shortfall during a 32 week program of $160 for students living away from home and of $752 for students at home.
* the minimum summer savings contribution is the same as the old arbitrary table (i.e. $50 a week). If a student is unable to save this amount, based on actual earnings information this contribution can be appealed, and the student will receive the difference in the form of a grant. The problem with this is the delay involved in the appeal process.
* for the first time there will be a maximum amount of grant assistance--for a Group B single student, the maximum is $2,000 per year
* for the growing number of "stop-outs" (students who take a year off school to work), there is a new penalty--they must contribute 20% or their actual gross earnings in the previous eight months. This year, the percentage required was 10%.

"Canada at the Crossroads"

Such was the title of a Canadian unity conference held at Laurentian University on March 4, 1978. After introductory remarks by Solicitor General Jean-Jacques Blais, two morning sessions covered the Cultural and Economic Crossroads. Gerald Godin, a PQ member of the Quebec National Assembly addressed participants over lunch, and the conference reconvened for the political crossroads in the afternoon.

Blais said the use of the word "crossroads" is really just a euphemism for "crisis", or as the Chinese would say "danger and opportunity". We have been forced into a process of self-analysis, said Blais, from a failure to recognize certain realities in the past. Centralization, he said, is no longer a viable way of dealing with Canadian realities today.

CULTURAL CROSSROADS

Ken Bisson, the Executive Director of the Indian Eskimo Friendship Centre defined cultural crossroads as "a form of freedom of being what you want to be and doing what you want to do". Bisson paralleled the French-Canadians' position in Canada today with that of the Indians 100 years ago. He pointed out that Indian culture is still not dead, for it has the strength to accept all differences in people and is complete in itself. Mary Stefura, representing multi-culturalism, deplored the approach given to the topic and reminded the audience that little mention is made of ethnic groups in textbooks.

French professor Fernand Dorais analyzed an individual's inability to belong to two cultures. The biggest mistake in teaching French to Anglophones, he said, is separating the language from its cultural context. In any case, Dorais believes Anglophones cannot **feel** what it is like to be a Francophone, and neither has the former group ever made the latter feel at home. Dorais said we need to create some new kind of country in which Anglophones could understand better and that our next PM would have to be a second Gordon Lightfoot.

Philisophy professor Wes Cragg called today's attempts at bilingualism remarkable and called upon individuals to continue. He cited an experiment carried out 15 years ago which showed support for bilingual education and lamented the fact that we don't have the bilingual generation today that we could have.

ECONOMIC CROSSROADS

Political Science professor Anthony Ruprecht spoke on multi-nationals' impact on the Canadian economy, causing political dependency. He recommended the creation of a central government agency to co-ordinate and supervise foreign corporations, greater Canadian equity participation in foreign firms, the implementation of laws to counterbalance U.S. jurisdiction and stricter application of the Investment Review Agency's recommendations.

Sociology professor John Elliot said our dependence on foreign capital and companies has destroyed mobility and the possibility of economic growth in Canada. This dependence, plus our resource export economy, which translates into exporting jobs, has created an economic situation in Canada with unavoidable or built-in unemployment, he said.

Elmer McVey, President of the Sudbury and District Labour Council, spoke of the role unions play in society and the need for future economic growth, especially in Sudbury, on a tripartite or equal basis.

York Poli Sci prof. Daniel Drache foresaw the collapse of federalism and advocated the right to self-determination and negociation on an equitable basis.

At lunch, Gerald Godin made a distinction between "French" and "Frog" power. J-J Blais, embodying the former, shares the same culture as Quebecers, but is not in the same boat, Godin said. The Ottawa-based French power, according to Godin, says "non" too often, or makes decisions for Quebec such as to build Mirabel, that Quebecers don't agree with. With the consent of the people, said Godin, the PQ will be mandated to bring power back to Quebec and make an association between equals based on common sense.

In the final session, Elmer Sopha, Andre Lacroix, Enid Barnett and Vincent DiNorcia discussed the Constitution and economic centralization, decentralization, the right to self-determination and divisions of power.

by BARBARA DINGWALL

Burners and Playgirls clash in UC fray

Bellgrove Arena was the scene. At stake, the last playoff spot in the Laurentian Ladies Intramural Hockey League. More so to the Bunsen Burners of University College, who had been labelled and picked for the basement in the league. Since it was their first season, the Burners got the first draft pick and highly-touted Marge Dequennes donned the Bunsen Blue colours. Eleven of the players had never participated in a hockey game, not even shinny on the ponds back home, but coaches Bruce Laidley and Gary Shea carefully positioned the players during their first game with the Phys. Ed. Klondikes.

Though they lost 11-2 there was hopes of close games and, perhaps, even an upset somewhere in the scedule. Shifting, juggling and pure strategy enabled the Burners to almost upset Huntington. Inability and inexperience around the net proved detrimental as they fell by a score of 4-0.

Then, the biggest change occurred. Isabelle Gomori ached to go between the pipes and Wanda Perna was suffering from shellshock, so it happened. The bunsen was ready to ignite into a Burner.

The University of Sudbury got burnt, alright, by a 5-1 tally as the Burners exploeded offensively to back up the shaky but brilliant goaltending of Gomori. Marge Dequennes pumped home three goals, Chris Haynes and Martha Coffin, two Playgirl refugees, handled the rest of the scoring. Jan "Gang" Green hit the post three timers singlehandedly, flying down the right wing like "The Big M". Three others had posts to their credit before the onslaught was over.

The Bunsen Burners, smelling playoffs, checked superstar Pauline Therien to a halt in their next game for two periods before succumbing to pressure. Only the brilliant goaltending of the U.C. Dix-et-onze goaler kept the Burners from winning number 2.

Then came the playoff battle with the Playgirls.

Last year was the Inaugrual year for the Playgirls, and they suffered worse growing pains than the U.C. Bunsen Burners. This year, they were ready, though, with owner Larry Mazzaro and coach Jim Todd looking at 1st or 2nd place. Little did they suspect that they'd be battling the cinderella Burners for the last playoff spot. Pat Irwin, double zero, is the key to this bunch as she plays goal like a four by four chunk of plywood. The Playgirls almost upset Huntington, but a breakaway goal, one of 39 shots, slipped by a desperate, fallen Irwin.

The Playgirls, behind Irwin and Sue Baer's excellent defensive coverage gave the Klondikes a scare, losing to Noreen Murphy and Co. only by a score of 4-2. Now came the showdown against the Bunsen Burners.

The game was broadcast by U.C.R. Radio sportscasters Pete "B.C." Hall and Paul "Trumpet" Wilson with guest analyst Ken "Marvin" Peter.

The big game was well attended by U.C. students filling the south side of the Bell Grove Coliseum. In the pregame ceremonies, owner Larry Mazzaro bellied-up on the ice drawing a standing ovation from the Bunsen Burner 7th and 8th floor cheering section.

It started as expected with the Playgirls carrying the play right from the opening faceoff.

The big line of Chris Haynes, Chris Bushey and Jan Green couldn't get organized. Isabelkle Gomori was forced to make some outstandingly difficult saves in those opening minutes.

But the Burners were mentally prepared for this tilt and slowly the tide turned. Dequennes started three, consecutive scrambles in front of the Playgirl goalie, Pat Irwin, and Chris Haynes, Dawn Lonsdale and Bushey all had excellent opportunites to put the Burners on top 1-0, but sliding Sue Baer, a flipping Irwin and a rolling Doris Schaerer somehow kept the puck from crossing the line.

Sue Baer pulled the fans to their feet when she went in all alone, only to have Gomori rob her.

The Playgirls were fired up, and Gomori was up for the occasion time and time again. Both benches were screaming and cheering when another scramble in front of Irwin went for naught, and the Playgirls were robbed again by Gomori, who was performing miracles in the Burners' net.

Liz Stewart drew the first penalty of the game when Nancy MacDonald pulled her down from behind and gave the Burners a big break. No such luck; the Playgirls bottled up the Burners' attack and only three harmless shots were fired at Irwin.

Near the end of the second period, consecutive breakaways by the Burners' Lauro Veno and Dequennes had the crowd stamping and yelling for more of this unexpected excitement. They were foiled both times. The third period was about to provide one of the most entertaining spectacles of the year for the U.C. fans.

Marge Dequennes manoevered and dipped by three Playgirls before being illegally thumped by MacDonald and again the Burners had a power play. They pounded Irwin and the Playgirl defense with shot after shot, and the fans were beginning to suspect a big upset, but the Playgirls stood fast.

Gomori, down in the Burner net, was not to be outdone. After the penalty was over, she stopped consecutive shots off the sticks of Theresa Dale and Jan Smith.

The clock was winding down and, then, Duquennes, who was extremely tired, manipulated the puck between two Playgirl defensemen for a breakaway. The Burners screamed as she bore in on Irwin. She threw a fake at Irwin, yet Irwin somehow got her glove on it to stop the puck inches from the goalline.

With one minute and seven seconds to go, Myrna Kullas scored the heartbreaking, winning goal after Gomori had already stopped two shots. The rebound went straight out to Kullas, who popped home the winner. The fans went hysterical.

The Bunsen Burners, showing guts and spirit, pulled their goalie in a last ditch effortto tie. It was to no avail, but this game will go down as one of the most exciting games ever in the history of University College rivalry.

The Bunsen Burners, underdogs this year, will be back next year, and people will pay attention instead of relegating them into the basement.

Next, the playoffs, and the students at U.C. wish good luck to both U.C. teams in the playoffs, the Dix-et-onze and the Playgirls.

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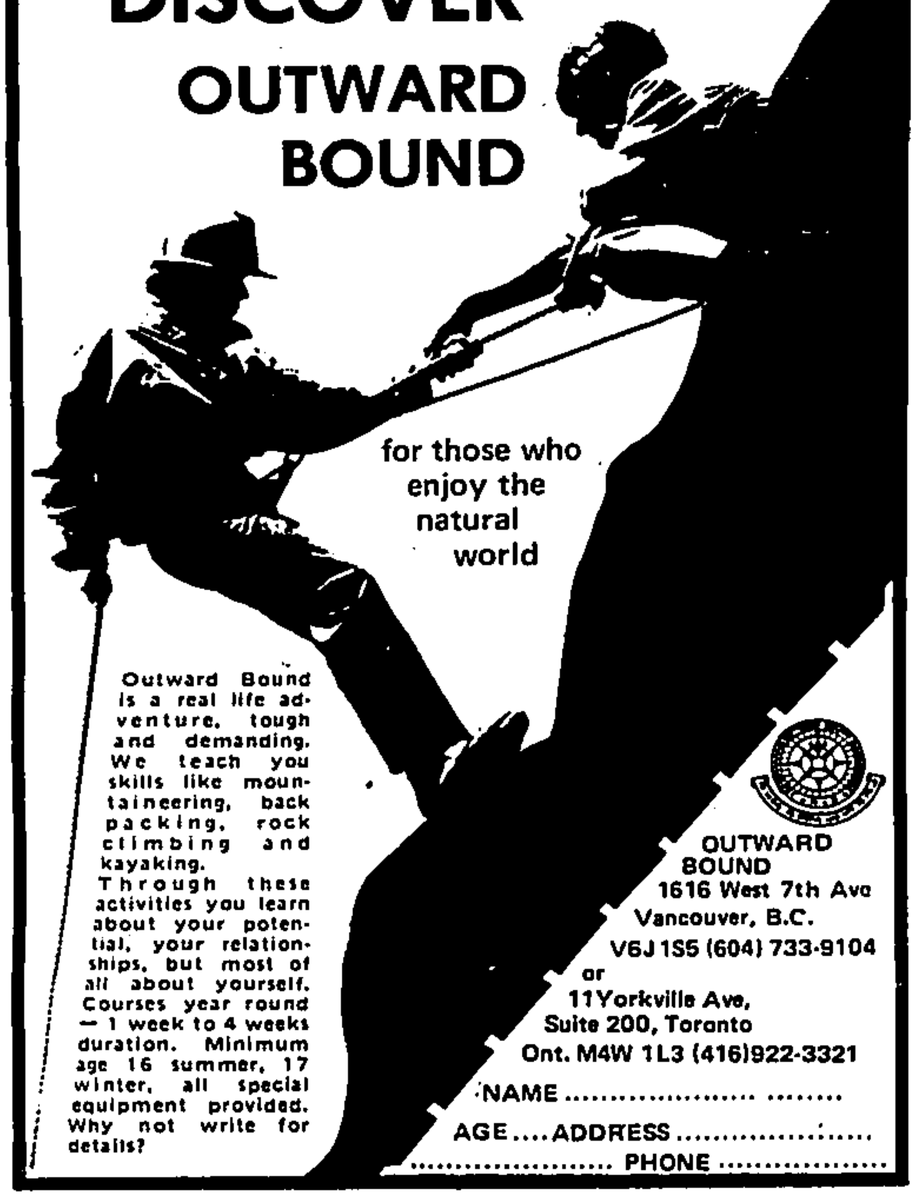

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Strokers' Box

A picture is worth a thousand words, so here are a couple of million. From left to right, top to bottom: Female Frosh Athlete, Joanne Manta; Frosh of the Year, Kathy Whittle; Male Frosh Athlete, Jean Martin; Graduating Male Athlete, Mike Whittle; Graduating Female Athletes, Lorraine Alfonsi and Susan Rochefort. The ugly, old seadog in the lower left is the great granddaddy of all Strokers, Art Frechette, this year's Sword winner and dinosaur most likely to succeed in the museum business.

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Thanks to everyone who helped with the elections; most especially to Kathy.

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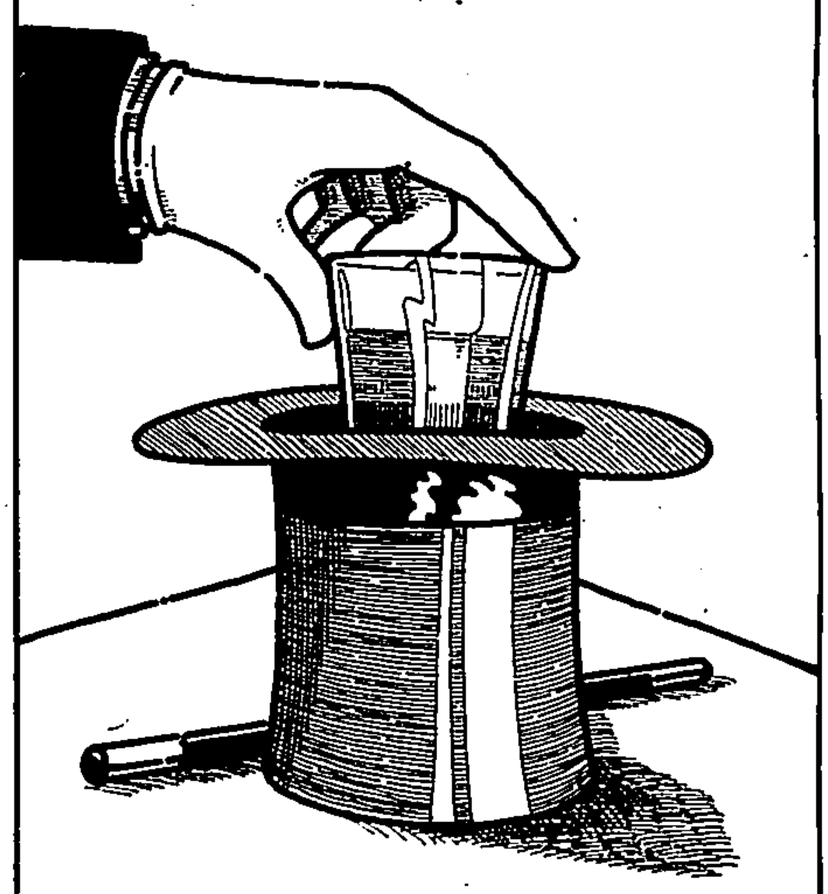

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To all members of the University community

A limited number of tickets for Sudbury 2001, a Conference on Economic Development which will be held at Laurentian University on the evening of April 7 and all day on April 8, are available to the faculty, staff and students of the University. The price of $25.00 includes the admission to the sessions, a luncheon, and dinner.

As it is anticipated that there will be considerable interest in this conference, tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations will be accepted by calling extension 680 or 541, but tickets must be picked up within two days of telephoning for a reservation, and no later than March 29.

During the two days of the conference, Laurentian University will be in the nation's spotlight with the national media and well known speakers, including Ontario Premier William Davis, converging in the campus. This should be a most interesting experience in which to participate, and I would like to urge you to make your reservations early.

A tous les membres de la communaute universitaire

Un nombre limité de billets pour Sudbury 2001, une conférence sur le développement économique qui doit avoir lieu à l'Université Laurentienne dans la soirée du 7 avril et toute la journée du 8 avril, est mis à la disposition des professeurs, employés et étudiants de l'Université. Le prix de $25 comprend l'entrée aux séances, un déjeuner et un diner.

Comme nous prevoyons que cette conférence suscitera un intérêt considerable, les billets seront vendus aux premiers qui feront la demande. Les personnes qui désirent retenir des billets peuvent téléphoner au poste 680 ou 541, mais elles doivent passer les prendre dans les deux jours qui suivent, et avant le 29 mars.

Durant les deux jours de la conference, l'attention du pays sera rivée sur l'Universite Laurentienne, qui accueillera les médias nationaux et des orateurs bien connus, dont l'honorable William Davis, Premier ministre de l'Ontario. Cette conférence devrait être des plus interessantes, et je vous encourage à retenir vos place sans tarder.

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I.S.O. News

The International Students Organization will hold its final General Membership Meeting on Friday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. in the Senate Chambers-11th Floor of the Library Tower.

All members are urged to attend as elections will take place to select an executive for the academic year 1978-79.

A social will follow the meeting in the I.S.O. Office-101 Married Students Residence.

STUDENT AFFAIRS NOTICE

This is to advise you that the staff of this office will be attending an OSAP 1978-79 Workshop from **March 28** to **March 31, 1978** and that the Student Affairs/Awards Office will therefore be closed on those dates. We will reopen as usual on Monday, April 3, 1978.

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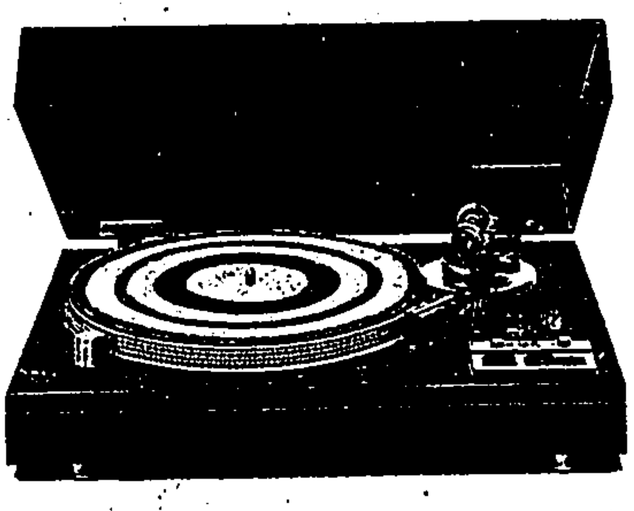

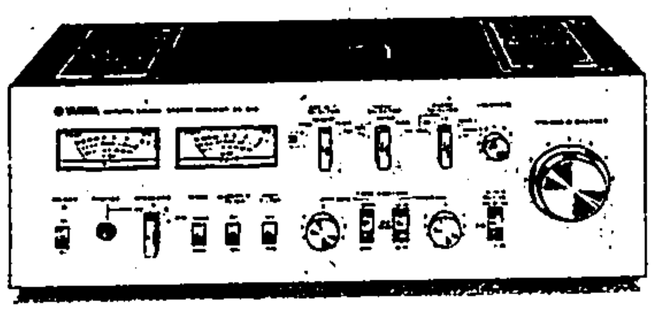

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